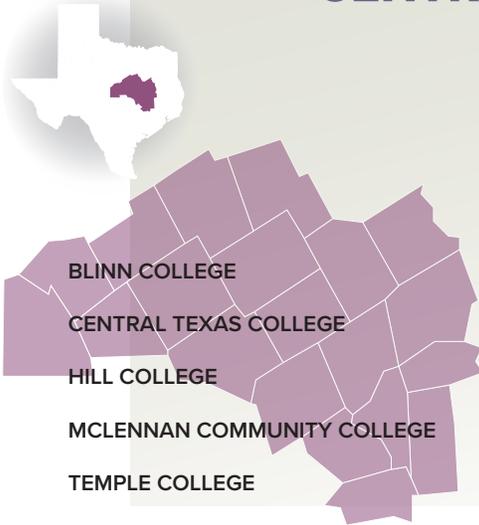


TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CENTRAL TEXAS REGION



Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our state's economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the local areas they serve.

The 20 counties in the Central Texas region – one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office – include five community college districts.

REGIONAL IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SPENDING, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

5,719

OUTPUT

\$552.4 MILLION

COMPENSATION

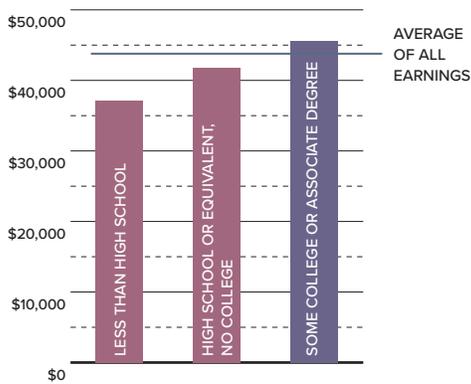
\$282.6 MILLION

NOTE: THESE ANALYSES PREDATED THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED.

Note: Figures include direct, indirect and induced economic impacts. Sources: JobsEQ, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas community colleges.

WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, CENTRAL TEXAS REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment.

In 2018, workers in the Central Texas region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$3,773 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$3,773

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

117,903

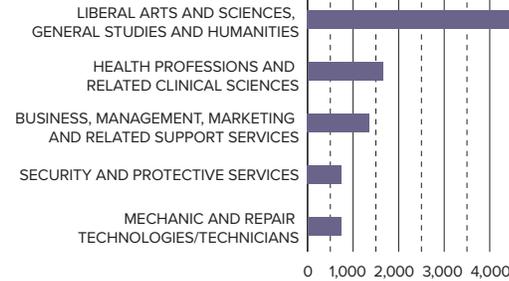
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$444.8 MILLION

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

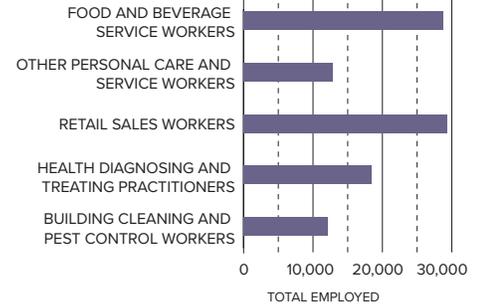
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, CENTRAL TEXAS REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



Community college districts in the Central Texas region awarded more than 4,600 general studies and liberal arts certificates and associate degrees in the 2017-18 school year, followed by health professions and business administration certificates and degrees.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, CENTRAL TEXAS REGION, 2014-2019



Source: JobsEQ

SUMMARY

Community colleges play a vital role for students and businesses by offering postsecondary education and job training at great value. As the Central Texas region's five community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support more than 5,700 jobs and add more than \$550 million in economic output annually. Furthermore, the higher pay of those with some college or an associate degree helps raise total wages in the region nearly \$445 million per year.

SPOTLIGHT BLINN COLLEGE

- Beginning Fall 2020, the Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Blinn-Brenham will increase the number of students accepted into its engineering program from 100 to 150 students per year, allowing more high-achieving engineering students to pursue their engineering bachelor's degree.
- Blinn's health information technology program prepares students for careers such as health information management technicians, coders, documentation specialists, revenue cycle specialists, patient advocates and insurance specialists.
- Blinn College offers a unique opportunity for students to enroll in the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Forensic Science Academy, where they receive high-quality forensic technical training.

TO SEE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE TEXAS ECONOMY: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/colleges/>